

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DONALD RAY DEMER

Sunrise

November 27, 1947



Sunset

June 24, 2011

Service Held

Wednesday, July 6, 2011 – 11:00 A.M.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church  
684 Juliga Woods Street, Richmond, CA

Reverend Dr. J.B. Jones ~ Officiating





## Donald Ray Demer

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**D**onald Ray Demer was born on November 27, 1947 to John and Carrie Demer in Richmond, CA. He departed this life on June 24, 2011 at John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek, CA. He was a younger brother to Frieda M. Demer of Richmond, CA and the big brother to Ronnie Lee Demer, of Santa Clara, CA. Donald grew up in Richmond California and was the long time resident of Oakland, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister. He is survived by his "little brother" Ronnie.

**I**n 1969, Donald was wed in holy matrimony to Gwen Creer. This union brought the blessings of two beautiful children, daughter Arlette M. Demer and son Donald R. Demer II, both of Vallejo, CA. His children blessed him with three granddaughters: Arlette's daughters, Britney Oliver and Shairee Skinner and Donald II's daughter, Kendall Demer.

**D**onald graduated from Richmond High School in 1965 and continued his education graduating from Hayward State University in 1971. He loved to play basketball and was often found playing volleyball at Lake Merritt. He was also well known as an excellent domino player and would usually beat anyone who dared to sit down and play him. He also loved his Oakland Raiders football team and attended many games. He was most recently a 19 year long employee in the administrative offices of BART. Before BART, he was a long time employee of the City of Oakland's City Hall.

**D**onald was known as a loving father, grandfather, son, brother, and godfather to Marcellus A. Demer of Richmond CA. He was the patriarch of the Demer family. There are now only three male Demers living. He had many, many friends and was well known around the bay area.

**L**oved ones left behind to cherish his memory are: daughter Arlette; son Donald II; granddaughters Britney, Shairee, and Kendall; brother Ronnie; nephew Kenneth John Robinson; niece Deirdre Tolbert; nephew Steven Smith; nephew and godson Marcellus; and a large host of cousins and many friends.



## Order of Service

Reverend Dr. J.B. Jones, Officiating

*Piano Prelude.....Donnell Dowell Jr.*  
*Processional.....Family*  
*Welcome and Invocation.....Reverend Dr. J.B. Jones*  
*Scripture*  
*Old & New Testament..... Reverend Dr. David Bernstine*  
*Prayer.....Bishop Earnest Pontiflet*  
*Solo (Encourage Yourself)..... Lolita Lea Sweet*  
*Acknowledgements.....Maria Creer*  
*Special Presentation.....Bishop Earnest Pontiflet*  
*Expressions..... 2 Minutes Maximum Please.....Family & Friends*  
*Silent Reading of Obituary*  
*Solo (Amazing Grace) .....Jimmy Stuart*  
*Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. J.B. Jones*  
*Parting Views.....Fuller Funeral Home*  
*Recessional*

### *Interment*

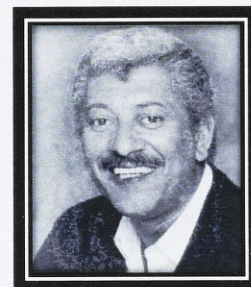
*Rolling Hills Memorial Park  
4100 Hilltop Drive  
Richmond, California*

### *Repast*

*Hilltop Green Recreational Center  
1095 Parkside Drive  
El Sobrante, CA 94803*



## To Those Whom I Love and Those Who Love Me



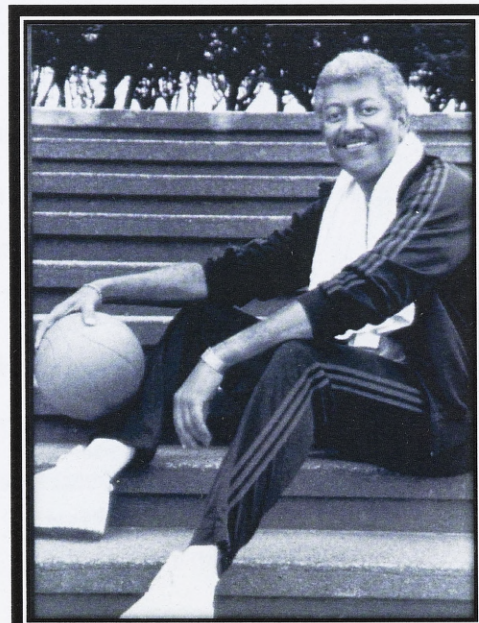
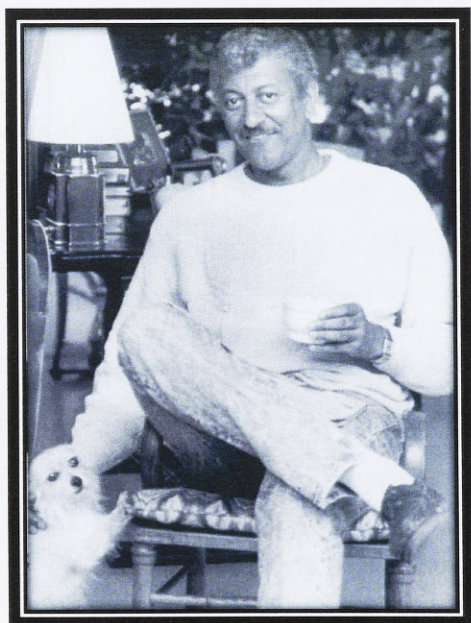
Release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love and you can only guess,  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for awhile that we must part,  
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,  
So, if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,  
And if you listen with your heart,  
You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say, welcome home.











## Big Daddy

Everyday I wonder why,  
That you were taken high up to the sky,  
And I didn't get a chance to say goodbye,  
I'm sorry.

There are so many things I want to say,  
That every night I sit and pray,  
Hoping you can hear me say,  
I miss you and I love you.

There's so much hurt I feel inside,  
And in nobody I can confide,  
But I know you are watching over us,  
Up above where the angels lie.

You're in our hearts,  
And there you'll stay,  
And be remembered everyday,  
Forever I will think of you.

Love Always,

Britney, Shairee and Kendall ♡



# DADDY

You never said "I'm leaving"  
You never said "goodbye"  
You were gone before I knew it,  
And only God knew why

There are no words to tell you  
Just what I feel inside  
The shock, the hurt, the anger  
Might gradually subside

A million times I'll need you  
A million times I'll cry  
If love alone could have saved you  
You never would have died

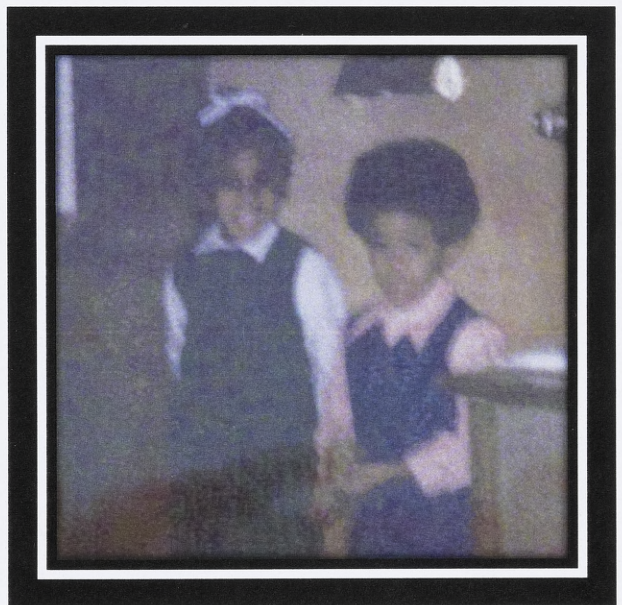
In life I loved you dearly  
In death I love you still  
In my heart you hold a place  
That no one could ever fill

It broke my heart to loose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of me went with you  
The day God took you home

Things will never be the same  
And although it hurts so bad  
I will smile whenever I hear your name  
And be proud you were my Dad

We love you daddy,

Letta and Tutor





## Active Pallbearers

Ronnie Demer  
Marcellus Demer  
Johnny Creer

Curtis Jones  
Edward (Bo Bo) Woodard  
Jimmie Lee

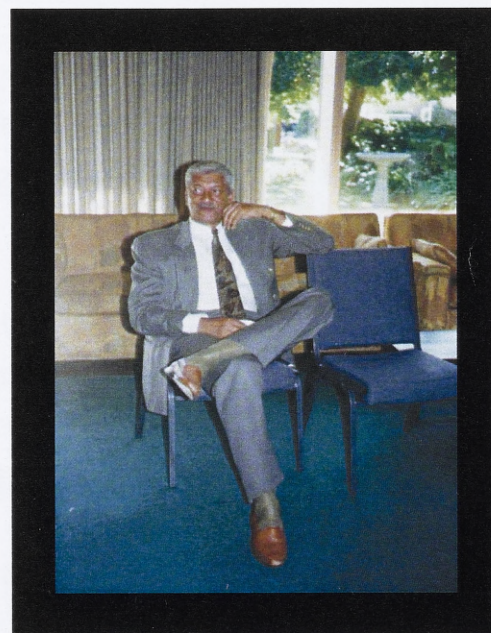
## Honorary Pallbearers

Donald Demer II  
Percy Jones  
Kenneth Robinson  
Grant Greer  
Bruce Greer  
Robert Creer  
Willie George

Eric Creer  
Earl Creer  
Herschel Kirk  
Carl Ray Harris  
Coy Charles  
Steven Smith  
Tommy Champion

It's So Hard To Believe That You're Really Gone And  
To Know That We Will No Longer See Your Smiling Face, Or Hear The  
Sound Of Your Laughter.  
You Left So Many Memories Which Will Never Part  
You Will Always Live Deep Inside Our Hearts.  
We Are Thankful That God Graced Us With Someone As Special As You  
It's Just Hard To Believe Your Life On Earth Is Really Through.

~In Loving Memory of Donald R. Demer



## Expressions of Appreciation

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just prayed for us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part.

May God Bless You

~ The Family of Donald Ray Demer ~



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